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SUBJ: GUINEA (B) IN UN

1. FRENCH MISSION HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM QUAI TO
CALL FOR VOTE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE, PROBABLY OCTOBER 17,
CONCERNING INSCRIPTION OF ITEM ON "AGGRESSION" AGAINST
"INDEPENDENT GUINEA (B)". FRENCH ALSO HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO ABSTAIN IN VOTE ON INSCRIPTION. ALTHOUGH BRITISH DO
NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ASK FOR VOTE, THEY, TOO, WILL
ABSTAIN IN VOTE WITH STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS. BRITISH,
HOWEVER, BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THREE DELS SHOULD ADOPT
SIMILAR POSITION.

2. WHILE WE WILL NOT ASK FOR VOTE, WE WOULD EXPECT TO
VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION OF ITEM. IN ADDITION TO THIS
BEING POLITICALLY UNPOPULAR WITH AFRICANS HERE, IT ALSO
WILL SERVE TO ISOLATE US, GIVEN FRENCH AND UK ABSTENTIONS.

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3. SOLUTION TO PROBLEM COULD BE REACHED IF FRENCH DO NOT INSIST ON VOTE. WE HAVE APPROACHED AMB. DE GUIRINGAUD AND HAVE ELICITED SOME UNDERSTANDING FROM HIM FOR OUR POSITION. ONE FORMULA FRENCH ARE PROPOSING WOULD BE CHANGE OF TITLE OF ITEM TO "EXAMINATION OF THE NEW SITUATION IN GUINEA-BISSAU AS A RESULT OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE PAIGC", WHICH WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT, IN CONSENSUS FRENCH STATE THAT, IN THAT CASE, AFRICAN CONDITION TO THIS FORMULA WOULD BE US, UK AND FRENCH AGREEMENT NOT TO MAKE STATEMENT. BEST WAY TO AVOID EXPOSURE AND ISOLATION, HOWEVER, WOULD BE FOR QUAI TO ALTER ITS INSTRUCTIONS, AND NOT REQUIRE CALL FOR VOTE OR AGREE TO VOTE NO. ACCORDINGLY, WE ASK THAT EMBASSY PARIS APPROACH QUAI ON THIS QUESTION ASAP, IN EFFORT TO EFFECT CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR OCTOBER 17 MEETING. CONSENSUS THEREBY COULD BE REACHED TO GO ALONG WITH INSCRIPTION, WITH OPPOSITION BEING EXPRESSED FURING FLOOR DISCUSSION OF ITEM. UKUN WILL RECOMMEND BRITISH DEMARCHE AS WELL BUT PREFER, IN CASE OF VOTE, THAT ALL THREE ABSTAIN.

4. IF FRENCH UNWILLING CHANGE INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR IF NO OTHER DELS VOTE NO, RECOMMEND THAT WE ABSTAIN WITH STRONG STATEMENT OF RESERVATION.
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